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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**Fawaz, et al.**

Application No: 09/189,819

Filed: November 10, 1998

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO  
MINIMIZE CONGESTION IN A PACKET  
SWITCHED NETWORK

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the final rejection in the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.*

*Please amend claims 5 and 8 as follows.*

5. (Once Amended) A method for controlling congestion in a network having a plurality of switching points, comprising:  
maintaining a plurality of service level agreements (SLAs) at a first switching point, each SLA having a corresponding minimum data rate;